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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO.: 09/839,760

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FOR: CIGARETTE FILTERS OF SHAPED  
MICRO CAVITY FIBERS  
IMPREGNATED WITH FLAVORANT  
MATERIALS

ART UNIT: 1731

EXAMINER: D. A. WALLS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 18, 2003, kindly  
amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.